

SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET STUDY FACT SHEET

ABOUT THE STUDY

This project will study the long-range needs of the healthcare safety net serving the needs of San Diego County residents who do not have adequate financial resources or healthcare insurance. The project will seek input from a wide range of key stakeholders including safety net users and the complete continuum of healthcare providers including but not limited to: clinics, hospitals, primary and specialty care physicians, and consumers. The project will also include an assessment and projection of current and future healthcare demand (up to 20 years) and calculate the resources needed to provide healthcare safety net services. The study will also identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges for meeting current and future San Diego County healthcare safety net needs.

WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS STUDY?

The study is being conducted through the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency using an outside expert consulting firm, The Abaris Group. The Abaris Group has assembled an expert team for this project with an exceptional depth of experience and the necessary skills to conduct the study. The Abaris Group itself has in excess of 26 years of experience conducting community wide healthcare assessments. Partnered with The Abaris Group are the nation's leading experts on healthcare safety net assessments, Bruce Siegel, MD, MPH, Marsha Regenstein, PhD and Lea Nolan, MA, all from the George Washington University (GWU), School of Public Health and Health Services, Department of Health Policy.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

The Abaris Group will be conducting many interviews of safety net users, providers and other interested parties. In addition, several Town Hall Meetings will be scheduled throughout the county during the early phase of the project and after the initial recommendations are prepared. Written and oral input is being solicited from any interested party at any time using the contact information below. In addition, a project web site has been created to enable stakeholders easy access to provide input to the study and for any party to learn about the study's progress, meetings, focus groups, and Town Hall Meeting schedules. To visit the project web site, please go to www.abarisgroup.com and click on Project Sites (or enter this link into your browser: <http://www.abarisgroup.com/index.cfm?area=projects>).

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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Healthcare

Safety Net Study

Please join us at one of these Healthcare Safety Net Town Hall Meetings

PURPOSE:

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency is conducting a long-range needs assessment of the healthcare safety net serving San Diego county residents.

Your input is needed. Please come share your perspectives about the San Diego healthcare safety net at any one of the five Town Hall meetings. The Town Hall meetings will be facilitated by The Abaris Group, a consulting firm hired by the County to assist with this study. Your input will be incorporated as a component of the assessment.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Community Agencies
- Community Clinic Staff
- Hospital Staff
- Policy Makers
- Primary Care Physicians
- Public Health Personnel
- Safety Net Users
- Specialty Physicians
- Trauma & Emergency Providers

East Region - El Cajon

When: Tuesday, April 4, 2006
Time: 2 - 4 pm
Where: East Region Adoption Services
 Conference Room
 198 West Main Street, Suite 104
 El Cajon, CA

South Region - Chula Vista

When: Wednesday, April 5, 2006
Time: 2 - 4 pm
Where: Southwestern College
 Student Union East (in Cafeteria)
 900 Otay Lakes Road
 Chula Vista, CA

North Coastal - Oceanside

When: Monday, April 17, 2006
Time: 9 - 11 am
Where: North Coastal Region Center
 Community Room
 1701 Mission Avenue
 Oceanside, CA

North Inland - San Marcos

When: Monday, April 17, 2006
Time: 1 - 3 pm
Where: San Marcos Community Center
 3 Civic Drive
 San Marcos, CA

Central/North Central Regions - San Diego

When: Tuesday, April 18, 2006
Time: 1 - 3 pm
Where: Recital Hall in Balboa Park
 2130 Pan American Plaza
 San Diego, CA

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